



Committee on Ordinances

March 18, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. - **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillors Gonsalves, and Morad, requesting that the City Council consider drafting an Ordinance that would prohibit City employees from serving on City Boards and Commissions except otherwise specified by Ordinance. (Ref'd 5/28/09, 9/14/09 – Refer to Legal Counsel for drafting and that the language be provided by the next meeting or the November meeting, 11/9/09 – tabled until December meeting, 12/15/09, referred to Gerwatowski for drafting)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall

2. Related Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, asking that Chapter 9, Section 3200 of the City Code, Relative to Signage, be reviewed and amended by the Ordinance Committee forthwith. (Ref'd 10/8/09, 2/18/10 - tabled)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall

3. Written Motion, Councillors Gonsalves, Lawrence, Alves, Saunders, Gomes, Dehner, Morad, Martins, Pimental, Duarte, and Coelho, on behalf of Safe Zones, that the Committee on Ordinances consider drafting an Ordinance to create a monetary penalty for anyone who is found to violate the rules in a Safe Zone location. (Ref'd 10/22/09, 12/15/09 - tabled)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Safe Zones Director Jerry Pinto

4. Written Motion, Councillor Martins, asking that the Committee on Ordinances and the City Council's Legislative Counsel explore the possibility of drafting an Ordinance banning texting or typing on a mobile phone while driving in the City of New Bedford, including in City-owned vehicles, in an effort to increase public safety by decreasing accidents caused by these actions; and further, that appropriate fines be set up for any violations. (Ref'd 12/17/09, tabled, removed from the table, ask DG to draft language which addresses Council's concerns about texting while driving, Related Motion BKG that CC ask the Mayor to issue an immediate Executive Order to City Employees that no City employee can text while driving City vehicles)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall

5. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting draft of AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 19, Section 19-135.2 (d) to establish Emergency Medical Services rates that are equal to the Medicare National Fee Schedule at +80.9% rate for ambulance services (striking 50%). (Ref'd 2/11/10)
- 5a. AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 19, DIVISION 4, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (Ref'd 2/11/10)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Emergency Medical Services Director Mark McGraw

Chairman suggests taking “No Further Action”, on the following items:

6. PETITION, Councillor Morad, requesting, on behalf of Phil Goyette, 765 Wildwood Road, New Bedford, MA 02745, that Plot 130G, Lots 124-134 and Lots 152-158, be REZONED from Residence A TO MIXED-USE BUSINESS in their entirety. (Ref'd 1/28/10)

7. AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 10, Article III, BOARD OF ASSESSORS, Section 10-86 – Tax Bills. (Ref'd 5/28/09, 11/9/09 - adoption of Ordinance failed)